

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the amendments and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-17, 19-24, 26-28, 30, and 31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 23, 26, and 30 are amended and Claims 18, 25, and 29 are canceled by the present amendment. The changes to Claims 3, 8, 9, and 26 correct dependency and the changes to Claims 1, 23, and 30 are supported in the originally-filed disclosure at least by originally-filed Claims 18, 25, and 29. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 3, 8, and 9 were objected to; Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 12-17, 20, 21, 23-28, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 5,444,728) in view of Kasai (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,705), further in view of Fischer (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0091076);¹ Claims 8 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thompson, Kasai and Fischer, further in view of Kaminishi (U.S. Patent No. 6,618,406); Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thompson, Kasai and Fischer, further in view of Trotter, et al. (“A CMOS Low Voltage High Performance Interface” here “Trotter”); Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thompson, Kasai and Fischer, further in view of Canright (“Practical Design for Control Impedance”); and Claims 7, 18, and 29 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 7, 18, and 29.

Claims 3, 8, and 9 are amended to depend from Claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 3, 8, and 9 be withdrawn.

¹ Although Claim 18 is listed among the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) at page 3 of the outstanding Office Action, the listing is believed to be erroneous in light of the indication of allowability for Claim 18 at page 10 of the outstanding Office Action.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 18, which was indicated as allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claim 1 and Claims 3-6, 8-17, and 19-22, which depend therefrom, be withdrawn.

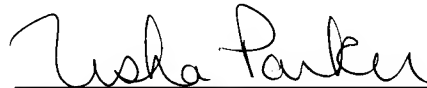
Claim 23 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 25 and Claim 29, which was indicated as allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claim 23 and Claims 24 and 26-28, which depend therefrom, be withdrawn.

Claim 30 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 18, which was indicated as allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claim 30 and Claim 31, which depends therefrom, be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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